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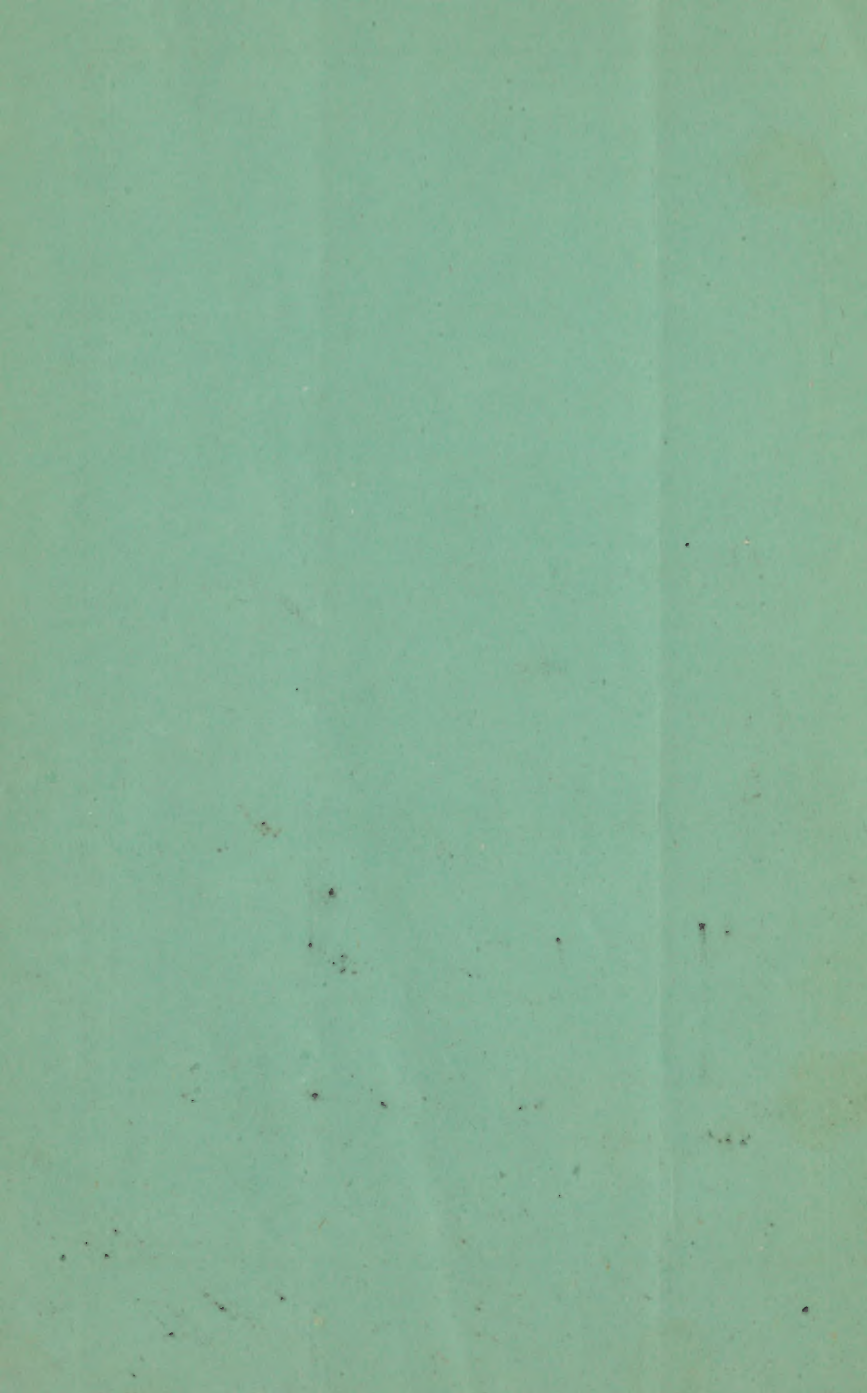
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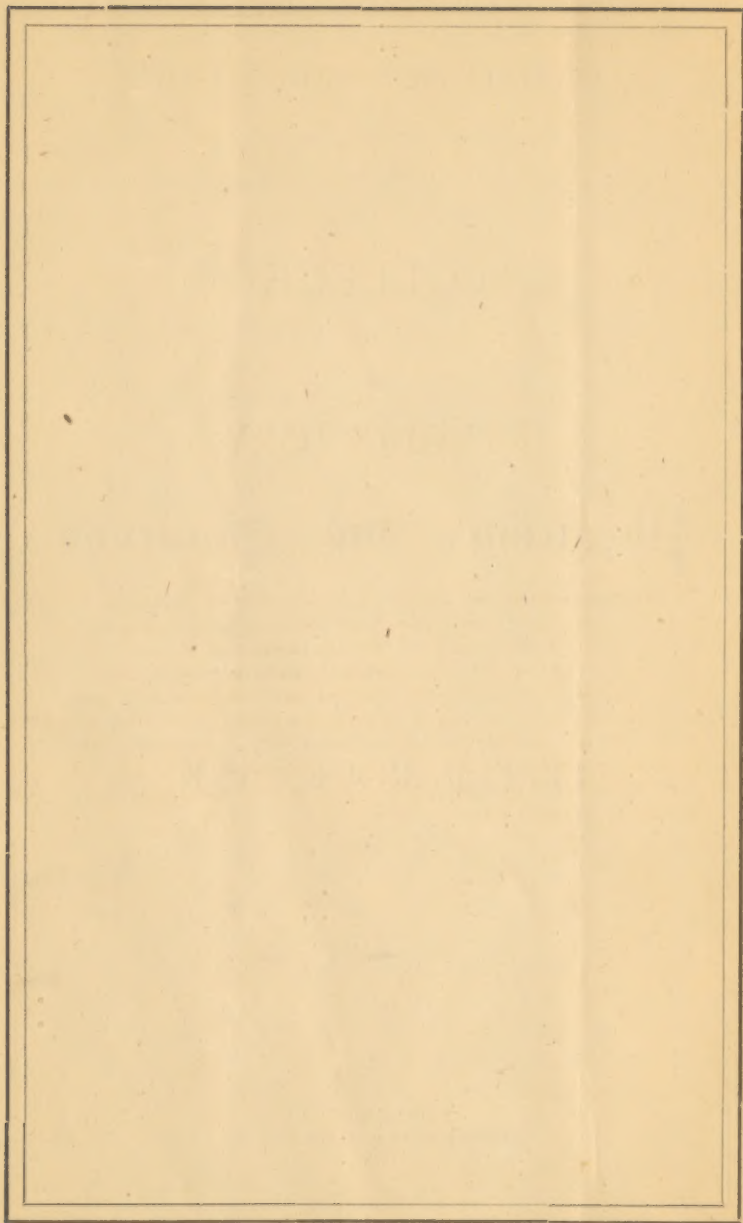
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## INTRODUCTORY.

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From time immemorial, societies have been held as inductive of a degree of social and friendly intercourse between individuals, which independently does not exist. A common interest in the pursuit of knowledge of any character guarantees a greater unity of purpose.

Our purpose, while scrupulously cultivating social and friendly relations among ourselves, aims at an increased interest in the advancement of all the corollary branches appertaining to the science and application of our profession. While we accord equal privileges to all men, we claim specific ones to ourselves, and with this introductory, proceed to the organization of our Society.



# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME OF SOCIETY.

This Association shall be known as "THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK."

## ARTICLE II.

### AUTHORITY, CHIEF OBJECTS, ETHICS, ETC.

The authority of this organization originates and exists only in the full support of its individual members.

Its chief object is to enable its members to keep pace with the progressive spirit of the age in which we live; and not only in the science and practice of Medicine and Surgery as publicly taught at the present day, but in all those co-ordinate branches inseparably connected with it. And while we may never fulfill the measure of our design, or derive that amount of profit contemplated, we nevertheless can expect that degree of recompense commensurate with our zeal and energy.

Our observance of Medical Ethics will be in *strict* conformity with the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association.

## ARTICLE III.

### RESIDENCE OF MEMBERS AND CORRESPONDING OR HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Society may embrace as members any Physician or Surgeon who possess the qualifications hereinafter specified, who resides in the city of Little Rock or the county of Pulaski.

Corresponding or Honorary Members may reside in any other county in the State of Arkansas or any other State on this Continent.

## ARTICLE IV.

## AUTHORITY TO ENACT OR AMEND LAWS, RULES, ETC.

This Society has authority to enact laws for the maintenance and government of its members; of changing or repealing any portion of said laws whenever essential; and the adoption of such other rules and regulations or by-laws as may from time to time appear requisite.

## ARTICLE V.

## QUALIFICATION AND PROCEEDINGS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, ASSESSMENT, ETC.

SECTION 1. The qualifications requisite to be admitted a member of this Society are—

First—Said applicant must possess a good moral character and standing in the community.

Second—He must produce satisfactory evidence that he has availed himself of the advantages of a thorough medical education and has graduated at some recognized Medical College or University of good repute with the American Medical Association.

SEC. 2. Whenever the name of an applicant is proposed for membership, whether at the regular monthly meeting or at an adjourned meeting, the same shall be considered referred to the Committee on credentials, who will report at the next regular monthly meeting succeeding, before said application can be entertained or acted upon by the Society.

SEC. 3. Every admission to membership must be by ballot, and any applicant receiving two dissenting votes shall be considered as rejected.

SEC. 4. Honorary and Corresponding members are eligible to election the same meeting their names are proposed. *Provided*, That two members will vouch for their medical education and standing in the community in which they reside. The fee for admission to membership of this Society shall be *five* dollars. Honorary and Corresponding members exempted.

SEC. 5. The Society shall have power to make such annual assessment upon its members as may be deemed necessary to meet its current expenses.

## ARTICLE VI.

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, who shall be elected annually, at the June meeting of the Society, and hold their respective offices for the term or one year.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings when present; to give the casting vote when the members are equally divided upon questions before the Society; to see that the rules of order and decorum are enforced in debate; to sign the approved proceedings of each monthly meeting, and to endorse such orders as may be drawn on the Treasurer for expenditures ordered by the Society.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, and at all times to assist the President in the performance of his duty.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a true and faithful record of the proceedings of each meeting; preserve all books, papers and any other property belonging to the archives of the Society; attest all orders drawn on the Treasurer for moneys appropriated by the Society; keep a register of the members, the date of admission and place of residence. He shall collect all moneys due from the members and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall attend all committees that may be appointed by this Society, with such documents as may be necessary for reference; report such unfinished business of previous meetings as may appear on his books requiring action, and attend to such other business as the Society may direct. Also, to hold correspondence with other Medical Societies; to keep a list of the same, and attend to all general correspondence at the will and pleasure of the Society. \*

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys delivered to him by the Secretary, passing his receipt for the same, and to pay out moneys only by order of the Society, indorsed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

## ARTICLE VII.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to take care of and preserve all books, pamphlets and papers belonging to the Society; superintend the arranging and binding of all magazines and such other papers that may be directed to be bound; keep a revised catalogue ready for examination by any member, and in all respects to be the custodian of every book, pamphlet, paper, etc., (other than the official papers of the Society) that may become the property of the Society.

## ARTICLE VIII.

Street lectures and public hall delineations of the science and practice of medicine are not recognized by this Society as a part of the Physician's duty. We are not commissioned as teachers of communities, but by practice we are to impart to suffering humanity the benefits of such knowledge as we may possess, which may be increased by

free intercourse with each other, and exhibitions within our own circle of the results of practice and discoveries in science, which may be provided for as this Society may direct.

#### ARTICLE IX.

No member of this Society shall bid for the practice of any institution or for any public practice, but may accept the position of Surgeon or Physician in any institutions where the authorities have fixed the salary.

#### ARTICLE X.

In case of the resignation or death of any officer of this Society, the vacancy shall be filled by election at the next monthly meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible.

#### ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by consent of two-thirds of all the members of the Society.

## BY-LAWS.

### LAW I.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of the City of Little Rock will meet monthly at their rooms, at 7 o'clock during the winter, and 8 o'clock during the summer months, on the last Saturday of each month, for the transaction of any business coming before the Society.

### LAW II.

One-third of the members of the Society shall constitute a quorum for business.

### LAW III.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The President shall call the meeting to order; call for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary, and correcting the same, which, after approval, shall be adopted.
2. The consideration of all unfinished business from the previous meeting.
3. Report of Committees.
4. New Business.
5. Written Communications.
6. Proposition for Membership.
7. General Discussion of Medical Subjects.

### LAW IV.

In case there is no quorum for the transaction of business the members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, or until the next regular monthly meeting, unless sooner called together by the President.

## LAW V.

The fee of admission to membership in this Society shall be as stated in the Constitution; five dollars, and such sums for contingent expenses may be assessed upon the members as circumstances may demand.

## LAW VI.

SECTION 1. No question shall be subject to debate without a motion duly made and seconded and stated by the Chair. All resolutions shall be reduced to writing if requested by a member; the name of the introducer of each resolution to be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 2. Any member may call for the division of the question, if it contains two distinct propositions. A motion to strike out and insert shall not be entertained, but a motion to strike out shall not preclude either the right "to amend or insert" if made as a distinct motion.

SEC. 3. A motion, with the consent of the second, may be withdrawn previous to its amendment, commitment or being put upon its final passage by the presiding officer.

SEC. 4. When a member desires to speak, he shall arise and address himself to the presiding officer, and confine his remarks strictly to the question under consideration.

SEC. 5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except by a call to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

SEC. 6. All questions of order shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to an appeal to the Society, in which case the member appealing, and then the presiding officer, shall give reasons, but no further debate shall be allowed.

SEC. 7. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission from the President.

SEC. 8. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received excepting to adjourn, to lay the subject upon the table, to postpone, to refer to a committee, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named.

SEC. 9. A motion for adjournment shall always be in order, except when the Society is voting upon another question, or while a member is speaking.

SEC. 10. A motion to amend an amendment is in order, but not one to amend an amendment to the amendment. The question on the amendment shall be decided before that on the main question.

SEC. 11. No motion shall be received to postpone the motion under discussion for the purpose of introducing a substitute.

SEC. 12. Motion for postponement to lay upon the table and for adjournment, shall always be determined without debate.

SEC. 13. A motion that has been negatived cannot be again brought forward at the same meeting, except upon a motion to reconsider.

SEC. 14. No question shall be reconsidered except upon the motion of two members, who voted with the majority when the question was decided, nor unless submitted at the meeting at which the same was discussed.

SEC. 15. When a blank is to be filled the question shall be first taken on the largest sum, greatest number, and longest time.

SEC. 16. Two members may demand the yeas and nays on any question which is not required to be decided by ballot, and have them entered on the minutes. The presiding officer shall in such cases always vote last.

SEC. 17. No order shall be taken upon the report of any committee except to refer it back to the committee, to lay it upon the table, or to obtain the sense of the Society in relation to the resolution appended thereto.

SEC. 18. The presiding officer shall not discuss any subject while in the chair, but may assign his reasons on deciding a question of order. He shall have no vote except on a ballot, or upon a call for the yeas and nays.

## LAW VII.

All questions of business before this Society shall be determined by a majority of the members present, and no member shall be excused from voting unless by the consent of the majority.

## LAW VIII.

Should any member in good standing desire to change his place of residence and remove from Little Rock, and to some other locality, he shall, upon written application to this Society, be furnished with the following certificate, viz:

### DIPLOMA.

..... M. D., OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, STATE OF ARKANSAS.  
 ..... having exhibited to this Society his Diploma of Graduation as a Physician and Surgeon from a regularly recognized Medical College, and having also produced satisfactory evidence of possessing a good moral character, was admitted a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the City of Little Rock, State of Arkansas, on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 18.....  
 Since admission to membership ....., M. D., has assiduously attended to the duties of his profession with commendable zeal

and energy, and by his conduct has gained many friends among all classes of people. This Society recommends him to the public generally, and generously wish him prosperity and happiness.

Given by instruction of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Little Rock, and sealed with our seal, this,  
 [SEAL OF SOCIETY.] ..... day of ..... A. D., 18 .....  
 ..... President.

Attested by

..... Secretary.

### LAW IX.

SECTION 1. The President shall, at each annual meeting, appoint the following standing committees, consisting of not less than three, nor more than five members each, to-wit:

First—Committee on the Science and Progress of Medicine.

Second—A Judicial Council.

Third—Committee on Printing, Finance and Claims.

Fourth—Committee on Credentials.

SEC. 2. The Committee on the Science and Progress of Medicine shall collect and preserve such specimens and publications of interest as may be of benefit to the Society, and render such aid, by Lecture or otherwise, as may be required.

SEC. 3. The Judicial Council shall consider all ethical subjects, all questions of a personal character or controversy, including complaints and protests, which may be referred to it. The Council shall organize by choosing a President and Secretary, and shall keep a permanent record of its proceedings. It shall report to the Society at the earliest practical moment, and its decisions shall be final and binding upon all parties.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Printing, Finance and Claims shall procure such printing as the Society may order, investigate any claims that may be preferred, and report annually the finances, receipts, expenditures, etc., as exhibited by the books and papers of the Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Credentials shall satisfy themselves that the applicant for membership is possessed of the proper qualifications to entitle him to become a member of this Society as defined in Article V of the Constitution made and provided for such cases, and shall report the result of their investigation to the Society for final decision.

### ARTICLE X.

The members of this Society shall, at any monthly meeting, be at liberty to give a history of results in practice in any important case, together with any new discoveries or peculiar incidents that may

have transpired; and the Society may, if deemed proper, appoint member, annually, or biennially, to deliver a public address in behalf of the Society upon the general outlines of the importance and progress of the medical profession.

#### LAW XI.

At call meetings of this Society no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was specially called.

#### LAW XII.

Any member demeaning himself in an ungentlemanly and unprofessional manner, although not strictly or wilfully violating any of the rules and regulations governing this Society, it shall be the duty of the President, upon learning the same, to possess himself of all the facts, and gently yet firmly remonstrate with such member, and endeavor to dissuade him from such conduct. Should such member then persistently continue this reprehensible course, and openly violate any of said rules and regulations established for our governance, and charges and specifications being preferred against him, the whole matter shall then be referred to the Judicial Council; and should this Council, after a full investigation, having given the member so offending the proper notice, time and opportunity to defend himself before them, deem him deserving of expulsion, and so declare it their opinion, the Society shall thereupon expel him.

#### LAW XIII.

It is explicitly stipulated, that any member being expelled from this Society is debarred from being reinstated by civil process, or suit in the Circuit or any other court in this District or State.

## ADDENDA.

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It shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Society, as soon as any Physician settles in the city, vicinity or district, to present him with a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rates of Charges, and in the event of his refusing to sign them, the Faculty shall not consult with him.

It should be the duty of the Medical Faculty in this city, county or district, to receive such pecuniary acknowledgments, from their patients for their services as are contained in their Fee Bill, and make a settlement of the same on the first day of January of each year, or as much sooner as the Physician attending the case may see fit.

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We hereby pledge ourselves to adhere to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Fee Bill herein adopted, and herewith attest with our individual signatures as gentlemen and physicians our intention to be governed by the same.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### ON THE SCIENCE AND PROGRESS OF MEDICINE.

R. G. JENNINGS, M. D.,                      J. H. CARROLL, M. D.,  
JOHN KIRKWOOD, M. D.

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### ON PRINTING, FINANCE AND CLAIMS.

E. H. SKIPWITH, M. D.,                      P. T. MASK, M. D.,  
J. H. LENOW, M. D.

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### ON CREDENTIALS.

A. L. BREYSACHER, M. D.,                      T. J. REID, M. D.,  
J. M. BOHEMIER, M. D.

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### JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

P. O. HOOPER, M. D.,                      G. C. HARTT, M. D.,  
R. G. JENNINGS, M. D.,                      J. H. LENOW, M. D.,  
A. L. BREYSACHER, M. D.

## LIST OF MEMBERS

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P. O. HOOPER, M. D.,	A. L. BREYSACHER, M. D.,
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T. J. REID, M. D.,	J. H. CARROEL, M. D.,
JNO. KIRKWOOD, M. D.,	N. KETCHUM, M. D.,
P. T. MASK, M. D.,	E. V. DEUEL, M. D.,
G. C. HARTT, M. D.	

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## OFFICERS.

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G. C. HARTT, M. D., PRESIDENT.  
A. L. BREYSACHER, M. D., VICE-PRESIDENT.  
J. H. LENOW, M. D., SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN.  
E. V. DEUEL, M. D., TREASURER.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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The following is the address of GEO. C. HARTT, M. D. :

GENTLEMEN—It is with surprise that I find myself chosen presiding officer of a Society in which there are so many better qualified to act in that capacity. With tastes and habits formed by a life devoted exclusively to our profession, I have no aspiration outside of it, and I can say, without exaggeration, that no other position could afford me equal gratification. Accept my thanks for the honor you have conferred. I will add, in extenuation of my ignorance of the laws governing deliberative bodies, that the habit of unrestricted inquiry which the study of our profession render necessary, has led me to distrust parliamentary law, which we too often see prostituted to the purpose of restraining the expression of thought, suppressing truth and upholding error. The habit of thorough investigation which our studies induce, will not allow arbitrary rules to thwart the attainment of truth, and the true physician, disdaining chicanery, whereby advantage is gained over straight-forward honesty, gladly relinquishes ambition and unmerited wealth to others less scrupulous. I will strive to supply the deficiencies in my knowledge of the laws of debate, and I trust it may ever be our boast, as it is this evening, that the name of no artful contriver of schemes to entrap the unsuspecting, encumbers our roll of membership. This is not a mere aspiration. The rules you have adopted in reference to the admission of new members will, I am satisfied, insure the fulfilment of this very desirable object. They will do more. By excluding every individual who is obnoxious to any member of the College, fraternal feeling and entire confidence between members will be effected and a unity of purpose established which can but lead to useful results.

The addition of a Library and Reading-room to the Society is a

feature upon which I especially congratulate you. This variation from the ordinary organization of Medical Societies, promises many advantages, not the least of which is the perpetuity of the institution, the friendly feeling engendered by frequent intercourse and the facilities for the acquirement of medical information offered by a large collection of standard and new works, and especially of medical journals. Our aim, however, should not be to collect only new books. It should be our ambition to make the library the storehouse of the best thoughts of the profession in the past, as well as the present. It should give all the information attainable upon every medical question that may arise; afford the student a thorough knowledge of the history, progress and present condition of any branch or specialty, and supply the author with requisite data, statistics and references for an exhaustive investigation. The difficulties and discouragements of forming a Library are in the foundation, and are common to all similar institutions; and contemplating the results attained by some, with beginnings even less promising, we are stimulated to prosecute our undertaking with energy. Almost imperceptibly, and with little labor or expense, a number of valuable books will be accumulated, which beside serving as a nucleus to a larger and more important collection, will itself supply the profession here with information not easily attainable by individuals.

I would also call your attention to the importance of establishing a Museum in connection with the College; and it is to be hoped that the collection and preservation of specimens of morbid and healthy anatomy, comparative as well as human, will become a subject of interest to the members. Opportunities for obtaining natural curiosities and rare specimens of interest to those who cultivate the sciences connected with medicine, are greater now than they will be at any future time. The mountains and caves of our State have, as yet, surrendered few of their treasures, and as these are brought to light, they will naturally be appropriated by Museums then in existence. Numberless specimens of rock and of ore, crystals and petrifications in possession of individuals, will be cheerfully given up, simply for preservation or for remuneration; and where would they be so likely to drift as to the metropolis and capital of the State - to Little Rock?

It is not only our privilege, but our duty, as early workers in a new field, to assist in collecting evidences of facts which promise a solution of the great problem of creation. No longer is this solution to rest upon hypothesis, or the interpretations which nations and sects may give to these revelations. Thought untrammelled, acting upon a mass of facts, old and new, has elaborated a theory, belief in which does not demand the surrender of reason; a theory which, by the aid of additional discoveries, is being rapidly fashioned into a system.

The few who fancy that this theory conflicts with religious belief, should remember the alarm experienced when Galileo proclaimed the doctrine of the earth's motion. But still the earth moves and theologians have deduced new evidences of the truth of religion from this once dreaded theory.

In our State few are so well qualified as members of our profession to prosecute investigations in the earth's strata, and observe the ancient marks of creation, while researches in embryology and comparative anatomy are scarcely looked for from any others. If any should doubt the peculiar fitness of physicians for this great work, I would refer them to the example of many, the most eminent in our ranks, and especially to that of Wm. B. Carpenter, the guide and teacher of physiology for the world, during four decades of years. If, then, it is a duty, let us not shrink from it, and though no Agassiz arise amongst us to achieve a priceless collection in a few years, a taste and talent will be developed and cabinets formed, destined speedily to expand into a Museum of which we will be proud.

The appropriateness of the Museum as a repository for instruments and apparatus for various tests, microscopical investigations and other practical purposes is obvious, and the acquisition of such instruments and apparatus, will, no doubt, in good time receive the attention of the College.

Gentlemen, allow me again to congratulate you upon your organization, and predict for the College of Physicians and Surgeons a long career of usefulness. With the material composing it, and the jealous care with which you have guarded its entrance, it can have no other than an honorable future.

## FEE TABLE.

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The following table contains the standard fees of the medical profession of Little Rock, subject, however, to the several rules which are appended :

1. It is a guide to the physician in making charges for his services.
2. It informs those to whom the physicians render services what compensation, in the opinion of the profession, he ought to receive.
3. If a physician, in rendering an account, regulate his charges according to a fee table approved by his brethren, it will certainly remove the necessity of litigation with all who are disposed to make honorable remuneration for the services they have received.

For a visit and prescription within the city, not less than..\$	3 00
For a visit and prescription across the river, within half a mile of river, not less than.....	5 00
For a visit and prescription out of the city, not exceeding one mile (and charge for medicine), not less than.....	5 00
For a night visit within city, not less than.....	6 00
For a night visit and prescription out of the city, not exceeding one mile (and charge for medicine), not less than	10 00
For extra prescription where two or more are sick in one family, not less than .....	2 00
For prescription at the office or within the city, not less than .....	2 00
For letter of advice and general directions, not less than..	5 00
For vaccination (and charge visit), not less than.....	2 00
For cupping .....	5 00
For venesection (and charge visit), not less than.....	2 00
For introduction of seton or issue, not less than.....	5 00
For introducing catheter or bougie, not less than .....	5 00

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For attention in all cases per hour (day), not less than.....	3 00
For attention in all cases per hour (night), not less than.....	5 00
For opening boil or abscess (and charge visit), not less than	1 00@ 5 00
For visit in the country, exceeding three miles, per mile, (and charge prescription, medicine and other services as above), not less than.....	1 50
For night visit in the country, per mile (and charge pre- scription, medicine and other services), not less than...	3 00
For prescription in gonorrhœa, not less than.....	10 00@20 00
For prescription in syphilis, not less than.....	10 00
For extra cases of gonorrhœa and syphilis, charge accord- ing to circumstances.....	
For examination of suspected cases, not less than.....	5 00
For visit and consultation in the city (day), not less than...	13 00
For visit and consultation in the city (night), not less than	15 00
For visit and consultation in the country (and charge mileage), not less than.....	13 00
For visit and accouchment in the city (day), not less than..	25 00
For visit and accouchment in the city (night), not less than	30 00
For visit and accouchment in the country (charge mileage)	25 00
For visit preternatural, difficult or lingering, charge accord- ing to circumstances.....	
For amputation of the thigh, leg or arm, not less than.....	100 00
For amputation of the thigh, leg or arm, in the country (charge mileage) not less than.....	100 00
For reducing fracture of thigh, leg or arm (if in the coun- try, charge mileage), not less than.....	20 00
For each subsequent dressing (and charge visit) not less than	5 00
For reducing compound fractures (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	50 00
For reducing dislocation of hip joint (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	100 00
For reducing dislocation of the shoulder, elbow, wrist or ankle (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	25 00
For each subsequent dressing (charge visit), not less than...	5 00
For trephining (in the country charge mileage), not less than .....	100 00
For hydrocele (in the country charge mileage), not less than	20 00
For paracentesis abdominis (in the country charge mi- leage), not less than.....	25 00
For paracentesis thoracis (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	35 00
For fistula in ano or perineo (in the country charge mi- leage), not less than.....	50 00

For bronchotomy (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	50 00
For aneurism (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	50 00
For lithotomy or strangulated hernia (in the country charge mileage), not less than.....	200 00
For examining with speculum per vaginam not less than.....	5 00
For attendance in contagious diseases double the ordinary charge.....	
For post-mortem examination by order of court or any constituted authority (and mileage), not less than.....	50 00
Amputation of finger and toe, not less than .....	10 00
Cataract, not less than.....	100 00
Strabismus, not less than.....	25 00
Pterygium, not less than.....	25 00
Hare-Lip, not less than.....	25 00
Hare-Lip and cleft palate, not less than.....	100 00

All surgical operations and medical services not specified in the above, to be in the same ratio, according to their importance and other circumstances.

Night visits to be calculated after 9 o'clock in the spring and summer months, and 6 o'clock in the fall and winter months.

1. The foregoing table contains the *standard fees* of the medical profession of Little Rock. All bills shall be rendered in conformity with the above fee table. They may be increased, according to the judgment of the practitioner concerned, in all cases of extraordinary detention or attendance; also, in proportion to the importance of the case, the responsibility attached to it and of services rendered, when these are extraordinary. It shall be considered as *unprofessional* to diminish the standard fees with a view to mercenary competition.

2. It is not designed by these regulations to prevent gratuitous services to those who are incapable of making remuneration without distressing themselves or families.

3. It is expressly enjoined on the members of the profession to decline all offer of a specific fee for attendance during any given period of time, as a measure unequal and often unjust in its action on one or the other of the parties, and as derogatory to the character and dignity of the medical profession in general.

4. When the circumstances permit, every physician should present his account immediately after his attendance in any attack of sickness. This shall be particularly attended to in cases of midwifery and surgery.

